Saint Joseph Catholic Community First Sunday of Advent December 2-3, 2023



Clergy

Father John Worgul Pastor

Father Patrick McCain Associate Pastor

Deacon Joseph Slattery Deacon Tom White

Entire staff listing at Saint Joseph.cc/Staff

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Mass Times

Weekends Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am, 10:45 am, 5:00 pm

Daily

Monday - Saturday 8:30 am

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm Eldersburg Church

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From the Desk of Our Pastor

It's OK to Be Sad Sometimes

We hear the Apostle say, "Rejoice in the Lord Always, again, I say rejoice." The joy He speaks of is a profound joy that settles in the depths of our hearts and penetrates all of our emotions, even the emotion of sadness. Yes, it is possible to be sad on one level of our being, but joyful on an even deeper level. Everything turns on what we are sad about. If we are sad about the right things, our sadness will eventually dissolve into joy.



Consider Isaiah's dialogue with God in our reading this week. It is touched with a beautiful melancholy that should move our hard hearts. It begins and ends with the reference to God as father; a highly unusual way to address God in the Old Testament. This places the soul in a humble but hopeful posture before God. Isaiah then asks hard questions; why do you let us wander from you? Why harden our hearts so we do not fear you? In other words, you can do something about our sinful state, so why not do it?

Out of sheer longing, he asks God to rend the heavens and come down and show Himself, shaking this earth of ours, getting our attention. God can be angry with us, not only because we are sinful, but especially because no one calls out to God for help; we cannot even rouse ourselves to repent! Therefore, God has "hidden himself" and we, who are but clay, are lost in our guilt.

In the middle of all this is a surge of hope, a promise seemingly out of place. "No ear has ever heard, or eye seen any God but you are doing such deeds for those who wait for Him." If we can connect with this promise by faith, feel the sadness of our condition, and express remorse for our hapless condition, we will find ourselves humbly waiting for God and His salvation. This is the spirit of Advent.

I think a little sadness would do us good this Advent if it leads us to repentance. Sadness and longing bring us to a reflective state of mind and soul and soften our hearts which have become so hardened that we cannot even comprehend our sins. This, I think, is what Jesus is warning us about in the Gospel; be watchful and wait for Jesus. An excellent opportunity to do this is Friday evening from 5:30 to 7:30. Please come and join us!

Yours in Christ, Father John Worgul



This Week

Sunday 3rd

First Sunday of Advent
Mass Intentions: +Elwood Burgan, SJCC
Parishioners, + Patricia Trainer

6:00 p LifeTeen 6:00 p Christmas Tree Lighting

Monday 4th

Mass Intentions: + Glory Paul 7:00 p Catechism in a Year

Tuesday 5th

Mass Intentions: + Joseph Alexander Higgs 7:00 p Theology on Tap 7:30 p Rosary for World Peace

Wednesday 6th

Mass Intentions: + Joseph Alexander Higgs 10:00 a Carroll County Food Sunday 7:00 p WINGS

Thursday 7th

Memorial of Saint Ambrose

Mass Intentions: + Albert Brittingham, SJCC
Parishioners
7:00 p Rosary for Cancer Victims

Friday 8th

Immaculate Conception
Mass Intentions: Our SJCC Priests
Parish Office Closed

9:00 a Play and Pray

Saturday 9th

Mass Intentions: + George Forsythe 11:00 a Family Rosary across the Parish

Next Month

- December 10th Second Collection: Retired Religious
- December 15th & 16th Glyndon Area Players "Still The Greatest Story Ever Told: Holy Forever"
- December 17th Knights Christmas Party
- December 24th Christmas Eve
- December 25th Christmas
- December 31st Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Next Year

(Mark Your Calendar, Details to Come)

- January 1st Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God The Octave Day of Christmas
- January 15th Martin Luther King Parish Office
- February 14th Ash Wednesday
- February 16th Lenten Fish Fry begins
- March 24th Palm Sunday
- March 28th Holy Thursday
- March 29th Good Friday
- March 30th Holy Saturday
- March 31st Easter Sunday
- April 13th Sheen's Senior Prom
- April 27th Celebrating Saint Joseph

* In honor of + In memory of ^ Incense planned



So that there are no strangers among us...

Three easy Steps to Join SJCC

- 1. Visit our website at SaintJoseph.cc/Welcome
- 2. Complete the Registration Form Congratulations and Welcome
- 3. Attend a Quarterly Welcome Brunch to learn more about your new community.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For all of the sick... Gary Lyles, Esther King, Bill Kniska, Alicia Bryan, Natasha Speidel, Katrina Berkel, Alicia Bryan, Katrina Berkel, Carmella Campbell, Mel Gysegem, Charles Snelling, Danny Clark, Jean Carroll, Lisa Wing, Donna Muffoletto, Pat Kovacsi, Maria Rios, Kurt Hider, Priscilla Lemak, Brittany Chairs Smith, JoAnna King, Zack King, George Moriatis, Beverly Brinkley, Alec Kerr, Christopher Dustin, Ann Clark, Gertrude Frazier, Chris Comes, Angela Carol Ellis, Deacon Karl Bayhi, Abby Cafiero, Lucille Perron, Doris Wagner, Michael KirchnerLet us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died: Hector Favazzi, Jane Kerrigan, Clifford Yeager, Gail Daniello... Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

Look online for the most up to date list of prayer requests.

Please contact our Parish Office to add your loved one to our prayer list. All names will remain on this list for one month. If a longer period of time is needed, please let us know.

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Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, & 10:00 pm



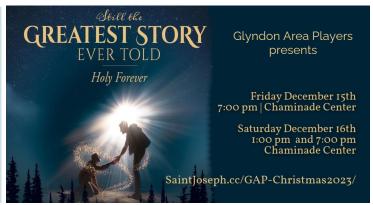


Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 7th 7:00 pm Vigil Mass

Friday, December 8th 8:30 am Mass of the Day



WEEKLY GIVING

| November 11 & 12, 2023 | | |
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| | Actual FY24 | Actual FY23 |
| Envelopes (180) | \$ 17,192 | \$ 10,681 |
| Faith Direct (277) | \$ 8,714 | \$ 9,344 |
| Loose | \$ 3,055 | \$ 2,618 |
| Total for the week | \$ 28,961 | \$ 22,633 |
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| Poor Box | \$ 2,025 | |
| Repairs & Maintenance | \$ 657 | |
| Second Collection Seminarians | \$ 2,763 | |
| All Saints Day | \$ 768 | |
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November 18 & 19, 2023

| | Actual FY24 | Actual FY23 |
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| Envelopes (196) | \$ 9,866 | \$ 12,858 |
| Faith Direct (277) | \$ 8,714 | \$ 9,454 |
| Loose | \$ 2,715 | \$ 2,426 |
| Total for the week | \$ 21,315 | \$ 24,738 |
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| Poor Box | \$ 1,603 | |
| Repairs & Maintenance | \$ 561 | |
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Mass Attendance: 1,146

Mass Attendance: 1,126



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Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a consultative body that serves the Pastor. The PPC conducts research and investigates matters that are of importance to the Pastor. It reviews and updates the Parish Pastoral Plan as needed.

Meetings are held bi-monthly, and minutes are available on the website.

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Father John Worgul | Pastor Terry Morse | Chairman Rachel Wandishin | Vice Chair Ernest Tucker | Secretary Minta Davis | At Large Member Jane Miller | At Large Member Kathy Reid | At Large Member Joselle Ruddle | At Large Member Mark Steinbrunner | At Large Member

Mission Council

The Mission Council are members assigned to implement the Parish Plan and act as a liaison between the ministry staff and the SJCC ministries.

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Tony Gioio | Chairman Steve Cox | Liturgy Director Lucy Lyles | Liturgy Chair Lauren Glass | Mission Support Co-Director Thomas Schwartz | Mission Support Co-Director Elena Hodgkiss | Mission Support Chair Cathy Nusbaum | Secretary

Finance Commission

The Finance Commission is responsible for forecasting, keeping track of, and reporting the parish's financial status. The Finance Commission helps the pastor in all major expenditure decisions.

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